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IN A TUBE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to initiation of the prosecution of the above-identified pending U.S. patent application, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please delete the Abstract as filed and substitute therefor the attached revised Abstract.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification in accordance with the attached revised Specification.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-13 and add new claims 14-27.

14. (NEW) Apparatus for measuring a property of a fluid comprising a tube for retaining said fluid, said tube including an outer wall, a lateral access opening, and a domed portion including a sealing surface on said outside wall of said tube surrounding said lateral access opening, and a sensor sealingly disposed on said sealing surface surrounding said lateral access opening in said tube for direct contact with said

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